

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans

Property: Straight Lake State Wildlife Area*

Master Plan Year: 2012

* A combined plan with Straight Lake SP

Land Management

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Long-term Resource Management Objective (50 yr. +) for Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area. Provide a predominantly oak-northern hardwood forest comprised of a variety of age classes (to 150 years) for habitat for forest game and other forest wildlife species.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Two ~50 acre timber sales have been sold. One is currently active.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area. Maintain and enhance age structure of the existing oak-northern hardwood forest habitat.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Two ~50 acre timber sales have been sold. One is currently active.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area. Maintain existing aspen stands.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Timber harvest under contract is set up to promote aspen component within the stand.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Long-term Resource Management Objectives (50 yr +) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Maintain a hemi-marsh habitat.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Maintained boards at 2011 levels (all in) on all three flowages.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Long-term Resource Management Objectives (50 yr +) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Provide extensive grasslands adjacent to the two southern impoundments (as shown on Map D) for grassland dependant wildlife species and waterfowl nesting cover.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Frost seeding completed. Mowing performed this summer to set back Canada goldenrod in first year planting.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Establish a biologically diverse hemi-marsh habitat (approximately 50% diverse mix of native aquatic and emergent wetland vegetation and 50% open water) that will be beneficial for waterfowl, shorebirds and other wetland dependant species
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Maintained boards at 2011 levels (all in) on all three flowages.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Enlarge the patch-size of the grasslands to enhance its functional value for grassland-dependant wildlife species.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>No activity this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Convert existing crop fields to grasslands or to forested habitat, as appropriate to the site
Accomplishments 2012	<i>South fields planted to native grasses and forbs.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Provide scattered aspen/oak forest habitat in a variety of age classes ranging from 0 to 120 years.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>Harvest sold and under contract in northern hardwoods stands where aspen component will be enhanced where appropriate.</i>

Public Access and Recreation

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<p>Provide opportunities for and emphasizing wildlife-related recreational activities, such as hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and interpretation. Secondly, provide opportunities for compatible activities like hiking, nature study, and berry picking. Actions to be taken to meet these objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct five small 2-4 vehicle parking lots on the periphery of the wildlife area in the general locations shown on Map C. Site and develop a parking lot off 280th Ave. so it also provides a vehicle accessible observation area overlooking the lower flowage. • Develop and maintain up to a 6.4 mile network of primitive to lightly developed trails to provide access for hunting, wildlife observation, and hiking, as generally shown on Map C. The trails on the wildlife area will be connected to the state park trail system to allow hikers' access to the entire Straight Lake Park and Wildlife Area trail system. Temporary management roads and trails will provide additional access-ways throughout the wildlife area.
Accomplishments 2012	<i>No action taken this year.</i>